

## Bluffton Police Department



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## **Public Hurricane Preparedness Meeting**

Who:

Town of Bluffton Emergency Management & Town of Bluffton Stormwater Management

What:

**Public Hurricane Preparedness Meetings** 

Where:

Bluffton Police Department, 101 Progressive St., Bluffton, SC 29910

When:

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Town of Bluffton's Emergency Management and Stormwater Management are teaming up for the public's benefit to offer two educational classes on preparing yourself, family and property if a hurricane were to strike. Both classes are comprised of the same information, but offered on different dates to accommodate those who want to attend.

The first half-hour of the class will be presented by Bluffton Emergency Management Manager Lt. Christian Gonzales. He will discuss evacuation routes, procedures during an evacuation as well as answer questions the public may have.

The second half-hour of the class will be presented by Bluffton's Stormwater Management to discuss the new EPA-mandated portions of the Town's stormwater management program, as well as give advice to property owners on how to prepare their retention ponds and maintain the stormwater drainage system to help protect against flooding during storm events.

"We want the community well informed when it comes to a hurricane or natural disaster. There are many people now living in Bluffton who have never experienced a storm event. This class will allow them to ask questions and hear from the experts on what to do if a disaster were to occur," said Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds.

For those interested in attending either of the classes, please RSVP to Joy Nelson at <a href="mailto:inelson@townofbluffton.com">inelson@townofbluffton.com</a> specifying which class you would like to attend.